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**Sent:** Mon 6/22/2015 4:31:51 PM  
**Subject:** Hastert Lease, Garnett, KS followup

FYI, I plan to meet the lease operator, KCC and the landowner on site tomorrow pm to discuss cleaning up the released oil.

Trip is down and back. No travel costs to be incurred.

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**From:** Doherty, Paul  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2015 12:44 PM  
**To:** Hoefer, David; Nazar, Kristen  
**Cc:** Aaron, Mark; Buchholz, Ken; Hayes, Scott; Williams, David (R7)  
**Subject:** FW: Hastert lease plans

FYI, I heard back from D&Z who acknowledged that they had a mess on their hands and fully intended to address the problems. I asked them to send me an email documenting the same (below). I'll monitor developments but at this point it does not appear that EPA will need to get involved in a cleanup action. I will follow through on doing SPCC inspections/reviews when they send in plans.

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**From:** Zane Belden [<mailto:dzexploration@yahoo.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2015 12:21 PM  
**To:** Doherty, Paul  
**Subject:** Hastert lease plans

Mr. Doherty,

This is Deke Belden with D&Z Exploration, we just spoke about our plans for the Hastert Leases in Anderson County, KS. We purchased and took over management of the properties on April 1, 2015.

Shortly after that we met with the landowner, Nathan Lange, and officials from the KCC to address the spill/mess concerns left over from the previous operator and containment. We told Nathan and KCC that we would stop the discharges that had been occurring under the previous owner/operator, and since then we have done that. There are still exiting mess areas from past leaks, but as weather has permitted (it has been an unseasonably wet period since we took the properties over) we have been continuing to clean up messes. We are addressing the issue of containment by building new and adequate earth berms around both Hastert Batteries and the Cartwright tank battery. That work should be completed by tomorrow or early next week. We are finishing SPCC paperwork for the newly acquired properties and should have them available for you next week. Per our discussion, I am meeting with KCC officials and Nathan next week to regroup, reassess and plan, in regards to what we have done so far, and what we will be doing in the near future to address all concerns. I will notify you when that meeting is so that you can be present as well. After I have met once again with the KCC and Nathan, I will email you a summary of that meeting so you are also aware of the current status and the specific plans moving forward. In the meantime or thereafter, please contact me with any new information or guidance that could help this situation. Thank you for the call, it was productive, and I will be in contact with you moving forward.

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